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[Report No. 112-293]

To establish programs in the Department of Justice and in the Department of Homeland Security to help States that have high rates of homicide and other violent crime, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2011

Mr. PIERLUISI (for himself, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. BORDALLO, and Mr. QUIGLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

NOVEMBER 22, 2011

Additional sponsors: Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COHEN, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Mr. FILNER, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. BARLETTA, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Mrs. CHRISTENSEN

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A BILL

To establish programs in the Department of Justice and in the Department of Homeland Security to help States that have high rates of homicide and other violent crime, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Law Enforce-
5 ment Recruitment and Retention Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PROGRAM.**

7 (a) **CREATION OF PROGRAM.**—The Attorney General
8 shall establish a program within the Department of Jus-
9 tice to recruit and assign individuals for authorized Fed-
10 eral law enforcement and security positions; and retain in-
11 dividuals in those positions, in States that have experi-
12 enced a high rate of homicides and other violent crimes.

13 (b) **FEDERAL COORDINATOR.**—The Attorney General
14 shall designate an official within the Department of Jus-
15 tice to be the Federal coordinator of the program estab-
16 lished under this section.

17 (c) **DUTIES OF COORDINATOR.**—The Federal coordi-
18 nator appointed under this section shall—

19 (1) consult with the chief executive of, and with
20 law enforcement agencies in, States that have experi-
21 enced a high rate of homicides and other violent
22 crimes to determine how additional Federal per-
23 sonnel can help address the State’s needs in this
24 area; and

1 (2) coordinate the implementation of the pro-
2 gram established under this section.

3 **SEC. 3. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM.**

4 (a) CREATION OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of the
5 Department of Homeland Security shall establish a pro-
6 gram within the Department of Homeland Security to re-
7 cruit and assign individuals for authorized Federal law en-
8 forcement and security positions, and retain individuals in
9 those positions, in States that have experienced a high rate
10 of homicides and other violent crimes.

11 (b) FEDERAL COORDINATOR.—The Secretary of the
12 Department of Homeland Security shall designate an offi-
13 cial within the Department of Homeland Security to be
14 the Federal coordinator of the program established under
15 this section.

16 (c) DUTIES OF COORDINATOR.—The Federal coordi-
17 nator appointed under this section shall—

18 (1) consult with the chief executive of, and with
19 law enforcement agencies in, States that have expe-
20 rienced a high rate of homicides and other violent
21 crimes to determine how additional Federal per-
22 sonnel can help address the State's needs in this
23 area; and

24 (2) coordinate the implementation of the pro-
25 gram established under this section.

1 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION OF “STATE”.**

2 In this Act, the term “State” means any State of the
3 United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the
4 United States Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, or
5 the Northern Mariana Islands.

6 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

7 *This Act may be cited as the “Federal Law Enforce-*
8 *ment Recruitment and Retention Act of 2011”.*

9 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PROGRAM.**

10 (a) *CREATION OF PROGRAM.*—*The Attorney General*
11 *shall establish a program within the Department of Justice*
12 *to address the need to recruit, assign, and retain Federal*
13 *law enforcement officers in States and jurisdictions with*
14 *a high rate of homicide or other violent crime as reported*
15 *pursuant to the Uniform Federal Crime Reporting Act of*
16 *1988 (28 U.S.C. 534 note).*

17 (b) *FEDERAL COORDINATOR.*—*The Attorney General*
18 *shall designate an official within the Department of Justice*
19 *to be the Federal coordinator of the program established*
20 *under this section.*

21 (c) *DUTIES OF COORDINATOR.*—*The Federal coordi-*
22 *nator appointed under this section shall—*

23 (1) *consult with the States and units of local*
24 *government with a high rate of homicide or other vio-*
25 *lent crime to determine how additional Federal law*

1 *enforcement officers may assist those States and units*
2 *of local government; and*

3 *(2) coordinate the implementation of the pro-*
4 *gram established under this section.*

5 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.**

6 *The Attorney General shall establish the program de-*
7 *scribed in section 2 not later than 120 days after the date*
8 *of the enactment of this Act.*

9 **SEC. 4. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

10 *The Attorney General shall provide a report annually*
11 *on the implementation of the program described in section*
12 *2 as part of the report on program performance prepared*
13 *pursuant to section 4(b) of the Government Performance*
14 *and Results Act of 1993, as amended (31 U.S.C. 1116). The*
15 *report required by this section shall describe—*

16 *(1) the actions taken by the Attorney General to*
17 *improve the recruitment, assignment, and retention of*
18 *Federal law enforcement officers in States and juris-*
19 *dictions with a high rate of homicide or other violent*
20 *crime;*

21 *(2) any recommendations for additional authori-*
22 *ties in law to improve recruitment and retention of*
23 *Federal law enforcement officers; and*

24 *(3) the results of the actions described in para-*
25 *graph (1).*

1 **SEC. 5. DEFINITION OF “STATE”.**

2 *In this Act, the term “State” means any State of the*
3 *United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the*
4 *United States Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, or*
5 *the Northern Mariana Islands.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to establish a program in the Department of Justice to improve recruitment, assignment, and retention of Federal law enforcement officers in States, territories, and jurisdictions that have a high rate of homicide or other violent crime.”.

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